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For: FLOORING ELEMENT FOR A MODULAR FLOOR, MODULAR FLOOR OBTAINED THEREWITH AND METHOD FOR ASSEMBLING SAID MODULAR FLOOR

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
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Sir:

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application citing such documents (International Search Report of PCT/IB2008/050671 dated August 18, 2008), together with an English-language

version (if not already included) of at least that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

Also submitted herewith are English language abstracts for EP 199 40 837, EP 1 400 641 and DE 102 53 553.

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